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Applicant: Takayuki IIDA Conf.: 9776
Appl. No.: 10/000,368 Group: 2851
Filed: December 4, 2001 Examiner: H. NGUYEN
For: PRINT PROCESSING METHOD, PRINTING ORDER
RECEIVING MACHINE AND PRINT PROCESSING
DEVICE

REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

April 4, 2003

Sir:

In the Office Action dated March 4, 2003, the Examiner indicates that the present application contains claims directed to the following distinct inventions:

Group I, claims 1-7, drawn to print processing method, classified in class 355, subclass 77;

Group II, claims 8-18, drawn to print ordering receiving machine, classified in class 355, subclass 40; and

Group III, claims 19-28, drawn to print processing device, classified in class 358/487.

In reply to the Examiner's indication that Applicant must elect one of the above-identified groups of invention, Applicant hereby elects the invention of Group I, including claims 1-7.